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TAGS: AORG, OZON, UNESCO, SA, US

SUBJECT: ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 240292

1. DURING A DISCUSSION WITH ACTING FONMIN AL-MANSOURI
SEPTEMBER 29, CHARGE MENTIONED HE HAD A MATTER HE WISHED TO
RAISE WITH HIM PERSONALLY AND INFORMALLY BEFORE --
PERHAPS -- PLACING IT BEFORE THE SAG OFFICIALLY.
MANSOURI LISTENED AS CHARGE REVIEWED POINTS IN PARA
5 REFTEL; CHARGE FURTHER EXPLAINED WE CERTAINLY
WERE NOT ASKING THE SAG TO DO SOMETHING FOR RPT FOR
ISRAEL BUT WONDERED IF IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF UNESCO
AND U.S. PARTICIPATION IN IT, SAG MIGHT CONSIDER
DOING NOTHING.

2. MANSOURI LAUGHED. HE SAID THIS WAS NOT AN ISSUE
THAT HE RECOMMENDED EMBASSY TAKE UP OFFICIALLY WITH
SAG. SAG, HE SAID, WAS NOT THESE DAYS IN A MOOD TO
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BE AT ALL HELPFUL TO ISRAEL. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER,

WAS HIS CONVICTION THAT WHENEVER ISRAELI ISSUE ARISES AT
UNESCO, SOME ARAB STATES FOR SURE WILL COME FORWARD WITH A
POSITION VERY CRITICAL OF ISRAEL. ALL THE OTHER ARAB STATES
WILL THEN FEEL COMPELLED TO GO THE ORIGINAL DRAFTER
ONE BETTER, AND AN ANTI-ISRAELI "OVERBIDDING" WOULD
BEGIN. WHATEVER HAPPENS, SAUDI ARABIA WOULD WANT TO
KEEP IN STEP WITH OTHER ARAB NATIONS.
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